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A The Bill Repealing the Cotton Tax Passed by the House.

> Sharp Senatorial Debate on the President's Message.

> > Washington, Dec. 4, 1867, }

recordings of the House-Repeal of the Cot-ten Tax-The Impeachment Question Not

moving the tax on cotten grown after the present year.
Authority the accupants of the galleries, and particularly
the ladies, patiently listened to this debate, there was
evident disappointment in not reaching the question
which had drawn them together.

their time up to the present on the question of contraction. The feeling of the majority to-day is said to be

The Proposed Partition of Texas.

Mr. Stevens' Texas bill is receiving considerable content. The general disposition of the radical members. ild be throwing too much power in the hands of Clark, recently arrived from Texas, in speaking of the feeling of the people on political subjects, says the large y are conservative, and it is doubtful whethe istance of the negro vote in the choice of person

Debate in the Senate on the President' of the President to-day, in reply to the attacks of Messrs Howard, Wilson and Summer. Mr. Dixon considered find themselves in a minority and that the verdict of the public is against them. They call the Message s calling the President a traitor, and now be complaint that he is libelled by the President. He also complains that the President calls himself the defender of the constitution; but as he is required to take an oath to defend and uphold the constitution i presenting the American people, and if, as General Grant says, the will of the people is the law of the laud, why do they not bow to this expressed will. He brought rebuke to the political course of the radical party. The President of the Senate, Mr. Ben Wade, smiled lugubriously when Mr. Dixon ailuded to the changed public sentiment of Ohio, and remarked that Mr. Wade's

Condition of Mr. Stevens.

That Stovens appeared in the House to-day. He was absent yesterday, on account of prostration resulting from over-exertion, which it was feared would prove of

Republican Caucus—The Work of the Con-gressional Executive Committee in the South—The Presidential Campaign. A republican caucus met this evening in the Hall of York, in the chair. The attendance was quite large, numbering about one handred. The meeting was devoted to the consideration of the operations of the Republican Congressional Executive Committee. dollars, raised from various sources, and of which thirty nine thousand dollars were expended. Arrange teo, and a movement will be inaugurated to place it on a feeting for the campaign of the ensuing year. The reconstruction policy of Congress was alleded to in con-nection with the design of the committee. The imexpected by the outside world. The meeting lasted two hours and a half, and adjourned at half-past ten.

The Entification of Constitutions of South-ern States.

It is a strange coincidence that the bill offered by Senator Wilson to-day in the Senate, repealing the provi aion of the Reconstruction act requiring a majority or registered voters to ratify the constitution of a Southern State, is identically the same as one which was intende to be introduced by Senator Williams, of Oregon, and which he had drawn up several days before. The Sena tor from Massachusetts anticipated the gentleman from Oregon, and carried all the paim for watchfulness of

The President's Message.
The President complied with his own band almost the entire of his recent Message. He plumes himself, it is said, on its strength of argument, and is pleased with its rhetoric of expression. The generally acknowledged opinion here is, that it is the ablest document that has ever emanated from his pen.
Serenade to the President by School Boys.

About nine o'clock this evening the boys of St. Dominick Roman Catholic College, with their juvenile band, seronaded the President, who came out on the perch with his hat off, and thanking them for the com-

The Military Academy. menuing the passage of a law that the Superintendent of the West Point Military Academy rank as a major general; that a Board of Visitors be authorized to report upon the actual state of the discipline at that establishment, and, among other proficions, that ne candidate for admission who has been rejected upon his examination shall be respectively within the candidate. tion shall be reappointed within two years.

Deficiencies in the Quartermaster's Depart-

A letter from the Quartermasier Ganeral was submitted to the House to-day asking an appropriation of \$15,500,000 to supply deditionales of the department for the Secal year ending June 30, 1868.

the Attorney General accompanied by a final list of par-done of rebels in Alabama, Varginia, West Virginia and Georgia from April, 1865, to July, 1867. The pardons were of those who took part in the rebellion worth over \$20,000, postmasters, agents, contractors, &c. The number is probably three or four theatsand since the

former reports.

The Court of Inquiry in the Case of Colonel

Intelligence from Etholoned this evening states that the Court of Inquiry asked for by Coloned T. E. Rose is still in session. General Schodeld was examined to-day. He mid Cotonel Rose was made general superintendent of the election by his order. His duties were to inspect the several polls in the city, and see that the election wras conducted in accordance with his (General Schodeld was examined to-day. Hr. He was conducted in accordance with his (General Schodeld was examined to-day. Hr. He was conducted in accordance with his (General Schodeld was examined to the election who have the instructor of the second of the conducted in accordance with his (General Schodeld was examined to the election who have the conducted in accordance with his (General Schodeld was examined to the election was endered in accordance with his (General Schodeld was examined to the election was endered in accordance with his (General Schodeld was examined to the court of the several polls in the city, and see that the election was endered in accordance with his (General Schodeld was examined to the court of the several polls in the city, and see that the election was endered in accordance with his (General Schodeld was examined to the court of the several polls in the city, and see that the election was endered in accordance with his (General Schodeld was examined to the court of the several polls in the city, and see that the election was endered by the court of the several polls in the city, and see that the election was endered to the court of the several polls in the city, and see that the election was endered to the court of the several polls in the city and the court of the several polls in the city and the court of the several polls in the city and the court of the several polls in the city and the court of t Rose. Intelligence from Bichmond this evening states that

several times during that day, and he was, as far as witness could judge, perfectly sober. Witness heard the report that the white polls in Madison ward had been closed during the evening of the second day of the elec-

all the features of the Secretary's plan except that por-tion creating the office of Chief Comptroller. In lieu of this it is proposed that the three Comptrollers be con-stituted a Board of Control, to hold a session once each month, and to have appellate jurisdiction from the de-cisions of each Comptroller. This modification, it is thought, would secure all the advantages sought by the

of military nominations and promotions, also his reasons for suspending certain internal revenue officers under the operation of the Tenure of Office act, with the names of their successors. Among the removals accounted for is that of Callicott, the late Revenue Collector in Brook-

lyn; and among the appointments is the pame of General John E. Mulford, recently appointed Collector of Internal Revenue at Richmond, Va.

The Austrian and Mexican Missions.
The President will make no nominations at present for either the Austrian or Mexican mission. There are a

The Birmingham Community.

Ceneral William McCandless, of Pennsylvania, prived in the city this morning and has been engaged to-day in securing the appointment of Mr. Coleman as Consulto Birmingham, England.

The New Commissioner of Agriculture.
Colonel Capron, recently appointed Commissioner of
Agriculture, took the eath of office and entered upon the duties of his office this afternoon. J. W. Stokes chief clerk, and muce the death of Issac Newton acting

Commissioner, has resigned.

Stature of Our Soldiers.

General Grant yesterday issued the following:—

Circular of May 24, 1867, from this office, modifying circular of February 18, 1867, so as to permit the enlistmen of men for the general service who were not issuitan five feet two inches high, is hereby rescinded, and until further orders men will not be enlisted into the army of the United States, for any arm of the service, who are less than five feet five inches in height, except as allowed by circular of February 18, 1867.

The Union Pacific Railrond.

The government Commissioner having reported an additional section of twenty miles of the road of the Union Pacific Railrond Company, eastern division, terminating

Missouri river, completed as a first class railroad, the

REDUCTION OF ARMY EXPENSES. [From the Evening Telegram of yesterday.]

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MASHINGTON, Dec. 4, 1867.

Another retrenchment order is impending in the War partment. It is said that General Grant, not being ite satisfied with the extent of the reduction made in different military districts and departments in ac-dance with the order issued some time ago requiring manading and staff officers to discharge all the evilus employed by them that could possibly be spared, d supply their places with enlisted men, is about to ue another order directing a still further reduction of ilian employes. This, together with the order reality promutgated directing that all volunteer officers win the service shall be mustered out by the lst of natary, will reduce the expenses of the War Department very materially.

Major General O. O. Howard left here yesterday on a site to the State of Maine, and will be absent about a seek.

A BRAVE BOY--DEADLY R'NCONTRE WITH ROBBERS.

[From the Evening Telegram of yesterday. the check was entered by a white man and three negroes, for the purpose of robbing it. The clerk in the store, a youth of fifteen, was pinlosed by the white man, but succeeded in drawing a pistol and inflicting a mortal wound in the abdomen of his assailant. The latter fell when shot and the youth turned and fired at the negroes, giving one of them a severe wound in the heal. The two negroes

THE FORTIETH CONGRESS.

Second Seasion.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4, 1867. Mr. Howr, (rep.) of Wis., appeared in his scat this THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT-KENTCORY RESERVE

from the Legislature of the State of Nebraska, trans nitting a joint resolution ratifying the amendment pro posed by Congress to the constitution; also resolutions from a convention of federal soldiers of Kentucky requesting that certain property in the hands of the Governor of Kentucky shall not be allowed to pass into

Governor of Kentucky shall not be allowed to pass into the hands of distoyal persons.

THE MILITARY RESERVATION OF FORT SAN JOSE.

On motion of Mr. CONNESS, (rep.) of Cal., it was resolved that the acting Secretary of War be requested to communicate to the Senate copies of any reports in the War Department from the communicate to the Pacific concerning the reduction of the Division of the Pacific concerning the reduction of the military reservation of Point San Jose, together with copies of any maps connected with such report.

Our Claims against Great British.

On motion of Mr. Summar, (rep.) of Mass, it was resolved that the President of the United States be resolved that the President of the United States be resolved that the president of the United States and the government of Great British relating to existing claims of these governments on each other.

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Correspondence with the error of the communicate to the conac copies of correspondence between the United States and British governments.

Mr. Brake, (ep.) 10 Mo. offered the folilowing concurrent resolution in relation to the annual Message of the President of the United States:—

Resolved by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring. That the fresident of the United States, in declaring the same of the United States of Congress at the present session, that the same because are as plainly unconstitutional as any that can be unagined. The same of the Union, and recommend to their consideration of the state of the Union, and recommend to their consideration of the state of the Union, and recommend to their consideration of the state of the Union, and recommend to their consideration of the state of the Union, and recommend to their consideration of the state of the Union, and recommend to their consideration of the Union of the state of the Union, and recommend to their consideration of the Union of the state of the Union and their consideration of the Union of the State of the

regular order for the purpose of allowing the Senator to proceed.

Mr. Surman thought as the one subject involved a proposition which must result in substantial advantage to the country, and the other was profiless, the regular order should not be post oned.

The Senate agreed to suspend the order, and Mr. Dixon continued reading from the disease and defending it. The President, in saying certain lews were unconstitutional, had not expressed himself more strongly than had Senators on the floor in regard to such laws. The negroes, as the Message and, were put in power in the South.

Mr. Edmards, (rep.) of Vt., asked if, according to the registration, the negroes were in the majority in any Southern State?

Mr. Dixon thought the whites might be in a majority, but the blacks voted in a body, and the result was their supremacy, though an actual minority. Clothing the blacks, therefore, with such power was essentially practing the South under their control.

Mr. Howard interrupted Mr. Dixon to say that while he did not any the President was liberious in claiming that he was the defender of the constitution, he did consider it arrogant. The President was no more the

WARHINGTON Dec. 4, 1867. Mr. Freuch, of the Freedmen's Bureau. The galleries were crowded with spectators, in expectation of the impeachment question being before the House.

ing the Secretary of the Treasury to report the amount of funds which remained on deposit in the national banks on the first of each month from the 30th of June, 1866, to the 31st of October, 1867.

destructive to the commercial interests of the North than the lety of \$23.000,000 tax on cettes. He read attributes showing that the exports of cotton from Bombay had run up from \$02,846 baies in 1865 to 1,100,700 baies in 1867; and this he ascribed to the premium which the tax on American cotton gave to the growth of cotton in foreign countries. Re erring to the circular which Mr. Windom had sent up and had read, and to instantations that those who were in favor of his substitute were in the increase of speculators, sharpers or shysters, he mid that that granteman, from his position at the head of the Committee on Indian Affairs, may have become familiar with rascalities; but for himself he would say, "Home soit que mad y perme." Nobody had a right to make such instantaions against him. Be was the organ of no one, and never intended to ba. He spotes for his constituents alone, and not for cotton planters of the South, but for the country at large.

Mr. Hamping, (rep.) of Ill., opposed the bill. He argued that the attempts to grow cotton is India had proved instincts, and that the present low price of cotton was not owing to the tax, but to the fact than, owing to the high prices which prevailed during the war, the markets were glutted. He sine argued that if this bill was passed no more of the present crop would be sent to market, but would be kept and commingled with the cop of next year, so as to save the tax of two and a half cents per pound.

Mr. Rousson, idean of N. Y., asked Mr. Schenck for

The House then proceeded to vote on the pending amendments.

Mr. Covode's amendment to reduce the tax to one cent per pound was rejected without division.

Mr. Num's amendment to the substitute, so as to make the latter apply only to cotton on the farms where grown and the property of the producer at the time of the passage of the oill, was rejected without division.

Mr. Brocks' substitute, to make the repeal take effect immediately, was rejected—year, 42; nays, 120.

Mr. Lawarecs, of Ohio, offered his amendment, to add a new action dectaring that the Court of Claims shall not have or entertain any calm to recover back tax paid on cotton.

Mr. Houses, of Utah, asked Mr. Schenek to let him offer an amendment exempting from the tax cotton raised in Nevada, Utah and Arizona, being for home consumption.

ARMY AND NAVY GAZETTE.

AMUSEMENTS.

ence to the very last. It is placed well upon the stage in every particular. The scenic effects are fine, and there every particular. The scenic effects are tine, and there is no drag in the diabute. Mr. J. W. Wainack as Toby Taperloy has made a declaid hit. He is quite elaborate and finished in his part, and last night received repeated rounds of well merited applause. Miss Rose Extinge as Lady Manda Chailtoner, the become of the piece, was through out excellent, displaying a therough conception of the character. Her nice bits of acting were not test upon the audience, who so cowed upon ner their encommums in the most liberal manner. Mrs. Seston and the others in the cast sustained their parts with their customary skill and success. "Hatul's Feril" is thely to maintain its place on the boards at Wallack's for some time to come.

Stadt Thentre-La Bette Heleno, "One of Offenbach's most humor-ous operas, was brought out in German on Tuesday night at the Stadt before an immense audience. Had blind Homer been present and heard the dislogue and masic put in the mouths of his heroes and the beautifu woman that was the cause of the de-truction of Illum

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